



# Are Parents Really Afraid To Say So?

May the "great hockey puck" of the Observer-land skies melt through the ice of your favorite rink. As expected, last week's column, "A Look At Hockey, Parents vs. Kids," created quite a stir. Some calls gave me visions of irate hockey mothers wanting to ring me as well as my phone. Surprisingly, however, I received more phone calls saying that it's about time something's been said about the hockey programs around here - and how parents turn into "animals" when it comes to their sons taking the ice in an ego extension role. Most callers agreed that I hit the nail right smack in the middle. Those it most disturbed were the ones most guilty.

I MUST HAVE received some 30 or more phone calls in which parents said they were going to write a letter to the sports editor, voicing their opinions on the hockey setup - pro and con.

I informed each that letters had to be signed before we could use them.

This must have caught every parent with his mouth open and their kids' skates untied.

Some parents expressed excellent thoughts on improving the hockey programs. They criticized things they think are wrong and sounded off against coaches and other parents.

I really enjoyed some of the phone messages, even when I was labeled a so-and-so.

But when I explained to each caller that his or her letter had to be signed and the name printed along with the letter, their reaction was that this just can't be the way. It brought such replies as:

"I can't have my name printed along with my thoughts."

"My name would be mud around the ice rinks."

"The coach would probably bench my kid if he saw that I said these things about coaches and the entire setup."

"If people really knew I said those things, my kid wouldn't get any ice time at all."

YES, THERE WERE some real dillies of reasons why people didn't want to have their names associated with their thoughts on something that aroused them enough to make the phone calls in the first place.

I guess that's why I didn't get letters from all these people. That's why things stay the way they are - people just don't want to get involved.

It seems to me that if people feel so strongly about a subject they wouldn't be afraid to let others know how they feel.

And to continue in the subject of area hockey:

THE MINORITY IS always said to speak louder than the majority.

Hockey fans are no different, but the majority of the minority seem to think that to yell at a hockey game means one must use abusive language mixed with intoxicating beverages.

Some believe this is the only way to watch a hockey game, especially at the high school level. The culprits usually are those who have graduated and are looking for a little excitement to show how much they have matured since leaving all the "bubble gummers."

And all they really are doing is making complete fools of themselves.

Yes, hockey is on the boom in Observerland, but there are a few bugs to be worked out just as soon as a few of the fly-swatters are brought out.

# Plymouth Bombs Trenton, 91-48

A "hot rock" is hard to handle and when you have five taking target practice against you at one time, it is to near a "rock explosion."

The Rock cagers of Plymouth High did just that.

Plymouth crushed Trenton in a Suburban Eight battle, 91-48, just two points shy of the school's record of 93 points.

accomplished in the "70-71" season against Allen Park. Eleven Rocks broke into the scoring column with senior Tom Egloff picking up game honors with 23 points. Thirteen of those came at the free throw line on 15 attempts.

FOR PLYMOUTH it was its third straight victory since losing to Redford Union, and seventh in its last eight outings.

The Rocks stand 9-3 overall and 4-3 in the Suburban Eight.

Egloff hit for 11 points in the first quarter as Plymouth ran up a 26-11 score.

"We still missed about five easy layups," said Plymouth Coach Fred Thomann who now has the task of upending

front-running Allen Park Friday. Plymouth went on to score 23 points in the second quarter, 27 in the third and 15 in the fourth as Thomann used his starters only half the distance.

Meanwhile, Trenton was having its problems. JOHN LUTZ popped in the lone two points for Trenton in

the third period as his squad ended up 13 for 50 overall for 26 per cent.

Plymouth scored 45 per cent, hitting on 35 of 73.

The rebound game was a lot closer than the score, with Plymouth holding a 45-40 edge. Egloff was high with seven.

for in the Suburban Eight, Allen Park at Plymouth.

THE UNEATED PARKERS edged Plymouth down at Allen Park in the first round, 75-74, but Thomann has them on his court now and it has to be a do-or-die match for him.

"We have to play together," said Thomann. "We have to start out early this time and keep the lead and stay away from playing as individuals."

# Patriots Scoreless For 7 1/2 Minutes Oak Park Thumps Franklin

Oak Park slammed the door on Franklin's cage hopes and all but locked the Patriots cagers in the ice box.

The Redskins of Oak Park, defending champions bounced past the freezing point, scored two free throws and that was it for the second period.

Then came 7 1/2 minutes without a point.

It was the third loss for Franklin in its last four games to stand 6-4 overall, and 3-1 in the Northwest.

The first period was a see-saw affair with Oak Park's Willie Rankins popping in a two pointer at the buzzer to put Oak Park up, 14-12.

Tim Fischer hit two for two at the free throw line to start the second quarter and that was it for Franklin, which trailed at the half, 24-14.

Oak Park shot 42 per cent, 26 of 62.

The Franklin loss was all but determined in the rebounding battle in which Oak Park held a 40-28 advantage.

KEVIN KASETA and Fischer, both 6-6, hauled in only 14 rebounds between them, with lack of positioning telling the tale.

"This loss has now made the job of defending the crown twice as tough for us," said

Franklin Coach Bob Visser. "The race should go down to John Glenn and ourselves."

The Patriots travel to Glenn Friday.

Franklin knocked off Glenn twice last year and Visser is hoping for a turnaround Friday.

## FRANKLIN (48)

Knap	FG	FT	TP
Fischer	4	4	12
Kasetta	3	2	8
Burns	2	0	10
Westerline	6	0	12
Burns	0	0	0
Calwell	0	0	0
Totals	20	6	48

## OAK PARK (84)

Rankins	FG	FT	TP
Fischer	6	0	12
Kasetta	3	2	8
Burns	2	0	10
Westerline	6	0	12
Burns	0	0	0
Calwell	0	0	0
Totals	20	6	48

# Area Prep Swimming Ocelot Cagers Slip To 2-10 Ratings

## 200 MEDLEY RELAY

1. HARRISON	1:46.1
2. PLYMOUTH	1:46.8
3. N. FARMINGTON	1:47.6
4. BENTLEY	1:48.6
5. GC EAST	1:49.9
6. STEVENSON	1:50.0
7. THURSTON	1:51.6
8. REDFORD UNION	1:51.8
9. FRANKLIN	1:52.2
10. JOHN GLINN	1:53.7

## 100 YD. FREESTYLE

1. RAGO, Harrison	51.0
2. DUPREY, Bentley	51.1
3. STOLKEY, RU	51.5
4. GRISWOLD, N. Farm.	51.5
5. DOVE, Churchill	51.8
6. KIRKSHIRE, Cville	52.2
7. CRIVEN, Thurston	52.7
8. SWEENEY, GC East	52.8
9. ANKLE, N. Farm.	52.9
10. SAUNDERS, Stevenson	53.0

## 400 YD. FREESTYLE

1. GRISWOLD, N. Farm.	4:08.3
2. ARNOLD, Harrison	4:10.9
3. DOVE, Churchill	4:14.0
4. LORENZ, Plymouth	4:14.4
5. KIRKSHIRE, Cville	4:14.5
6. KENNY, Franklin	4:15.4
7. BRYAN, Churchill	4:16.0
8. BETHAN, Farmington	4:16.4
9. T. BIRD, John Glenn	4:17.2
10. SEGASER, Franklin	4:19.5

## 100 YD. BACKSTROKE

1. RAGO, Harrison	57.7
2. BLANCHARD, GC East	59.8
3. SIEFERO, Churchill	1:01.1
4. DOVE, Churchill	1:01.2
5. SMART, Harrison	1:01.9
6. KENNY, Plymouth	1:02.4
7. ALANDY, Plymouth	1:02.6
8. DOLAN, Harrison	1:03.1
9. GILMOUR, N. Farm.	1:03.1
10. SANTO, Stevenson	1:04.2

## 100 YD. FREE RELAY

1. NORTH FARMINGTON	3:31.4
2. PLYMOUTH	3:31.7
3. HARRISON	3:32.0
4. GC EAST	3:38.0
5. FRANKLIN	3:43.4
6. BENTLEY	3:43.8
7. JOHN GLINN	3:45.6
8. CHURCHILL	3:45.8
9. FARMINGTON	3:52.6
10. STEVENSON	3:57.5

## 200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

1. RAGO, Harrison	2:07.1
2. DAVE, Churchill	2:09.7
3. STOLKEY, RU	2:11.0
4. ARNOLD, Harrison	2:11.0
5. SICK, Plymouth	2:12.2
6. PETERSON, N. Farm.	2:12.8
7. BALNAVES, Franklin	2:13.7
8. GILMOUR, N. Farm.	2:14.2
9. CRIVEN, Thurston	2:14.5
10. DUPREY, Bentley	2:14.6

## 50 YARD BUTTERFLY

1. DUPREY, Bentley	23.1
2. SWEENEY, GC East	23.1
3. KRAVY, Plymouth	23.3
4. MCKELVEY, Franklin	23.4
5. ANKLE, N. Farm.	23.6
6. BERGERON, John Glenn	23.7
7. PETERSON, N. Farm.	23.9
8. KORTESCU, Franklin	24.1
9. SAUNDERS, Stevenson	24.1
10. SICK, Plymouth	24.2

## DIVING

1. KRAL, Harrison	224.33
2. PARROT, Farmington	194.05
3. HOGAN, Harrison	190.10
4. STOCKER, Plymouth	187.00
5. KALVOVA, GC East	171.80
6. KRZYWDA, Thurston	168.35
7. STOLKEY, RU	164.80
8. GIANETTI, Bentley	163.43
9. LARSON, N. Farm.	159.42
10. HANCOCK, Bentley	154.33

## 100 YD. BUTTERFLY

1. BLANCHARD, GC East	56.8
2. HULET, Stevenson	57.5
3. STOLKEY, RU	57.8
4. PETERSON, N. Farm.	57.8
5. MUNRO, N. Farm.	57.9
6. KIRKSHIRE, Cville	58.4
7. BARBU, John Glenn	58.7
8. DUPREY, Bentley	59.0
9. SIEFERO, Churchill	1:00.4
10. VANDERHART, Bentley	1:01.3

## Observer's Top 10

	AVG	W	L	PF	PA
1. REDFORD UNION	11	1	71	62	
2. JOHN GLINN	9	2	65	59	
3. PLYMOUTH	9	3	68	57	
4. LATHROP	9	1	70	58	
5. STEVENSON	7	3	60	54	
6. CHURCHILL	7	3	61	57	
7. N. FARMINGTON	7	4	60	55	
8. FRANKLIN	6	4	60	61	
9. GC EAST	6	4	64	57	
10. BENTLEY	5	5	65	60	

## Cage Picks

Mt. Carmel over St. Agatha  
Bentley over Dearborn  
Borgess over Servite  
Churchill over Harrison  
Milford over Clareville  
Farmington over Waterford Mott  
John Glenn over Franklin  
N. Farmington over GC East  
GC West over Cherry Hill  
Plymouth over Allen Park  
Redford Union over Belleville  
Southfield Lathrop over Groves  
Stevenson over Pontiac Northern  
Oak Park over Thurston

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